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We Do Enjoy Our Saturday Mornings Together!

...and this morning, our Sunday Morning "Greeter", Kathryn Manske joined us. We enjoyed her company and we all learned a bit more about each other.



*We're so glad
You're here*





In Remembrance of ABC Member



Cathy Young Kopecky

October 14, 1945

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September 2, 2025

Wife to Donald Kopecky



Donald Kopecky

Cathy Young Kopecky, born October 14, 1945, passed away peacefully on September 2, 2025, at the age of 79.

A beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, Cathy's warmth and kindness touched the lives of all who knew her. Cathy is survived by her devoted husband, ***Donald R. Kopecky***, and their three children: Stephanie (Kopecky) Kearns (Thomas Kearns) of Crawfordsville, IN; Thomas Kopecky (Kara Kopecky) of Austin, TX; and John M. Kopecky (Monica Kopecky) of Peyton, CO.

She was a proud grandmother to Nathan, J.D., Peter, and Connor (Grace) Kearns of Indiana; Kylie and Courtney Kopecky of Peyton, CO; and Abigail and Andrew Kopecky of Austin, TX. Cathy is also survived by her sister, Jacqueline Lawson of West Helena, AR.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Perry and Clytha Young of River Grove, IL. She was graduate of East Leyden High School in Franklin Park, IL, Cathy also attended William Rainey Harper Junior College.

Her life was marked by a deep commitment to her faith, family, and community. Over the years she served as a leader in various church women's ministries and bible study groups, sharing her love of God with others. Cathy was also a member of the PEO Sisterhood, where she built lasting friendships.

Cathy's talents shone brightly as an artist, creating beautiful paintings and jewelry that reflected her creative spirit. She enjoyed golf, reading and spending time with loved ones. Her favorite vacation spots included the serene landscapes of Door County, WI, and the majestic Colorado mountains.

What made Cathy truly unique was her gift of hospitality, her unwavering love for God and family, and her boundless kindness. Known for her empathy and genuine concern for others, she had a remarkable ability to make everyone feel welcomed and valued. Her legacy of love, faith, and compassion will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

SPECIAL NOTE:
 Class Members pictured here will be celebrating their 80th (Plus) Birthdays in the month of October!
 Be sure to Wish them a *Special Happy Birthday!*

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| | | | 1  Rose Wong | 2 | 3 | 4  Sirlee & Vanesia Williams 6 Years Bettye Carr |
| 5  Robert & Lela Newsom 38 Years | 6  Steve & Sue Dammann 35 Years Debbie Musselli | 7  Betty Patterson | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Jim & Marjorie Ross 26 Years Jim Ross |
| 12 Virginia Kreimeyer | 13  Marty & Linda Blackmon 25 Years | 14 | 15 | 16  John Ellison | 17  Bobbie Morgan | 18 Beverly McCreary |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Earle & Mary Chappell 8 Years | 22  Diane Howe | 23 John & Marilyn Dawes 71 Years Dawn Crouch Mike Regan | 24  Max & Jingmin Jin 3 Year Bettye Carr | 25  Steve Dammann |
| 26 | 27  Randy Peschel Gene Sellers Eddy Trevino | 28 Jingmin Wei | 29  Peggy Maxwell Gary Pettit | 30  Nick Hesselstweet | 31  Barbara Byrant | |